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LETTER DATED 7 JUNE 1999 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF YUGOSLAVIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to forward herewith a letter from Zivadin Jovanovic, Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, relative to the acceptance by the Yugoslav Government of the Ahtisaari-Chernomyrdin document on a peaceful solution for Kosovo and Metohija and the adoption of a relevant resolution by the Security Council.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

Letter dated 7 June 1999 from the Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia addressed to the President of the Security Council

The Yugoslav Government has accepted the Ahtisaari-Chernomyrdin document on a peaceful solution for Kosovo and Metohija. Proceeding from the great importance of the role of the United Nations in the settlement of the crisis in Kosovo and Metohija, which needs to be translated as soon as possible from the track of war and destruction to the track of peace that will enable the political process to evolve, we would expect the Security Council to speed up the procedure of passing its resolution on Kosovo and Metohija.

Now that the negotiations of military experts are being completed and that the withdrawal of the forces of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia can begin immediately, we are of the view that the conditions have been created for a halt to the bombing.

Considering that responsibility for the security of the population, irrespective of their nationality, should be fully ensured, we would appreciate it if, when adopting the resolution, account would be taken that in the process of the withdrawal of Yugoslav forces and taking up the responsibility for the security of the population by the United Nations-sponsored forces, no security vacuum is created.

We express our expectation that, in considering the crisis in Kosovo and Metohija, the Security Council will, consistent with the Charter of the United Nations, adopt a resolution that will ensure respect for the international order established by the Charter, in the interest of peace and equality of nations and people, and respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, as one of the founding Member States of the United Nations.

(Signed) Živadin JOVANOVIĆ